

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: ) A TYING DEVICE  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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10 Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby submits the following Preliminary Amendment to the above referenced application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

15 Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.